

My Platform

There are many issues that effect the quality of life we enjoy in Raleigh. These are the ones that are my main concern:

Renters

I will introduce rent cost regulations and a tenants' bill of rights to ensure that those people who are renting homes and businesses inside the beltline will be able to afford their lease after downtown revitalization raises the property values. These regulations and assurances will promote a sense of community by allowing residents to remain in their homes, and businesses to continue serving neighborhoods where they have been long established. It also helps to ensure that innovative new businesses, independent businesses and artists facilities- the kinds of establishments that make urban spaces vital and desirable in the first place - will still be able to function in the districts they helped to create. Regulating rent is the way to achieve responsible, stable revitalization and to make Raleigh a diverse and interesting city.

Public Transportation

I will improve the city's existing public transportation, focusing on connecting the neighborhoods, shopping centers, public services, colleges and universities inside the beltline to one another in a more convenient way. As it stands people are inconvenienced more by using our public transportation system than they are by finding parking spaces. Our city should want to encourage the use of public transportation. When we design routes we should view mass transit as something people do want to use and respond accordingly. I will concentrate my efforts on redesigning routes and making new routes that are the most convenient to the greatest number of people, including people that own cars. I believe that many car owners would like to spend less time sitting in traffic and finding a parking space, and would rather take a bus to work or to conduct their day to day business.

Downtown Development

I will encourage sustainable downtown development by supporting the construction of new affordable living spaces and businesses that enable shopping and the carrying out of day to day activities within walking distance of living spaces. In addition to reducing traffic and improving air quality, encouraging pedestrian friendly neighborhoods helps eliminate the need to construct large amounts of new parking and fosters a sense of community. When businesses become neighbors as opposed to destinations they develop regular loyal customers, and in turn will do more to act as good neighbors to keep those customers happy.

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